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HAPPY DAZE — Mrs. George T. "Tommy" Spellissy is shown with her husband and their new television set at her Deaconess party on April 29. The party was a surprise to "Tommy," but not to George, who was in on the plot from the beginning.

Mrs. George Spellissy is Guest of Honor at Goodbye Surprise Party on April 29

"Tommy" White came to the Deaconess right out of business school — the Fisher Business School — and spent the next 12 years busily doing one job after another, right up until 4:00 P. M. on Friday, April 29.

That was when Mrs. George "Tommy" Spellissy found herself guest of honor at a surprise party in the cafeteria's private dining room, instead of dining on the town with husband, George, and Mr. Lowry, as had been promised. (How Mr. Lowry did it, we'll never know).

Maybe it wasn't really a surprise, but if it wasn't, Mrs. Spellissy has won the Academy Award.

Things calmed down to a loud howl as the quipping lady of the day made her way to a collection in the corner. First came a "You Asked For It" televiewer's baby card, by Marjorie R. Pond, Inc. Then some nice knots, courtesy Charlie Schraub, in a diaper-type hobo pack. Baby necessities, naturally from the Pharmacy.

"Tommy" had just sat down to recover when someone pulled the table cloth off the sideboard. That was when George realized he'd lost his wife not to the Deaconess, but to TV.

If there's anyone who doesn't know what this is all about, it was Mrs. Anna White Spellissy's last day at the Deaconess.

It's an old White tradition, started by "Tommy's" mother, to be born on July 4. Strangely enough, even the doctor agrees that the Spellissy baby should be named "Independent July."

We hope that right this very minute, "Tommy" is curled up in front of her TV set at 12 Jones Road in Weston, enjoying her new life of leisure.

Flashback on her Deaconess career . . . July 1, 1943, temporary secretary to Dr. Cook . . . transfer to pharmacy office as mail order clerk in October of that year . . . secretary to Pharmacist Joseph K. Chamberlin in 1944 . . . the additional job of assistant in purchasing when Mr. Chamberlin took over that department. . . Purchasing Agent in 1952, following Mr. Chamberlin's death . . . then, in her own words as of April 29, 1955, "I retired as Purchasing Agent on January 1. I gave my notice that day, I left today."

Good luck, much happiness, and come back and see us, often!

WORK OF AUXILIARY AIDS X-RAY FUND

$2500 is Donated by Friends of the Deaconess

A contribution of $2500 for the x-ray fund was voted by the board of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital at its April meeting in the Baker classroom.

The gift to the hospital represented receipts from the Coffee Shop, the Flower and Gift Shop and the Thrift Shop.

It also represents much hard work by our very generous "Friends of the Deaconess." We are grateful to them.

Don't forget that Pops is June 14 and balcony seats at $1.50 each are still available in the Public Relations Office. This is another fund-raising effort of the Friends of the Deaconess

Dr. Warren Receives Leonard Wood Medal

"For his contributions to humanity and medicine," Dr. Shields Warren on April 23 became the eighth recipient of the Gen. Leonard Wood Memorial Medal of the Boston City Hospital Alumni Association.

The presentation took place at the annual dinner of the association at the Harvard Club. Dr. David B. Berlin, association president, made the presentation.

The Deaconess' pathologist-in-chief, who is also medical director of the Cancer Research Institute, is the third member of the Deaconess staff to be so honored.

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin was the first recipient of the award, in 1948. In 1950, the late Dr. Frank H. Lahey was the honored alumnus.

General Wood, former surgeon-general of the U. S. Army, interned at City Hospital in 1884. Dr. Warren became first assistant in pathology there in 1923, the year of his graduation from Harvard Medical School. He held this position until 1925.

Credit Union Gives Dividend

Good news for members of the Alpha Credit Union!

At a May 17 meeting, the directors voted a semi-annual dividend on shares outstanding as of April 30.

Members may have dividends added to their passbooks at the ACU office on the first floor of the Central Building.

Graduation coverage will appear in the June issue of the PULSE.

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Dr. Arthur Cushing Dies in Brookline

Dr. Arthur A. Cushing of Pelham Hall, Brookline, member of the staff of the Deaconess Hospital for nearly half a century, died at his home on April 21. He was 73.

A general practitioner in Brookline, he had been a member of the Brookline School Committee and Recreation Commission, medical officer of the Brookline Selective Service Board and active in promotion of the Brookline Municipal Health Centre, a new project not yet opened.

Mrs. Allen to 'Retire' to Housekeeping In New Hampshire Hills on June 10

A house in the country has become a big and thrilling reality for Mrs. Mary Allen, executive housekeeper, and her husband, Harry L. Allen.

It was probably some sort of fate when Mr. and Mrs. Allen last Fall saw a "for sale" sign on the house that represented enchantment to Mrs. Allen as a child growing up in Enfield, N. H.

That was last September. By the first week in October, the Allens had made a verbal agreement to buy the property, known as "Shaker Hill." A few weeks later they actually became the owners of 73-acre Shaker Hill and its 12-room house and two barns.

On June 10 they officially retire to the country, to start a brand new venture as revivers of Enfield traditions and operators of a guest house.

"Allen Acres" is now the name of the property that overlooks five mountain ranges, including the Presidential; Mascoma Lake; the Shaker Shrine and the LaSallette Shrine. "On the site, in 1790, the first Shaker meeting was held. Our house was built in 1794," says Mrs. Allen.

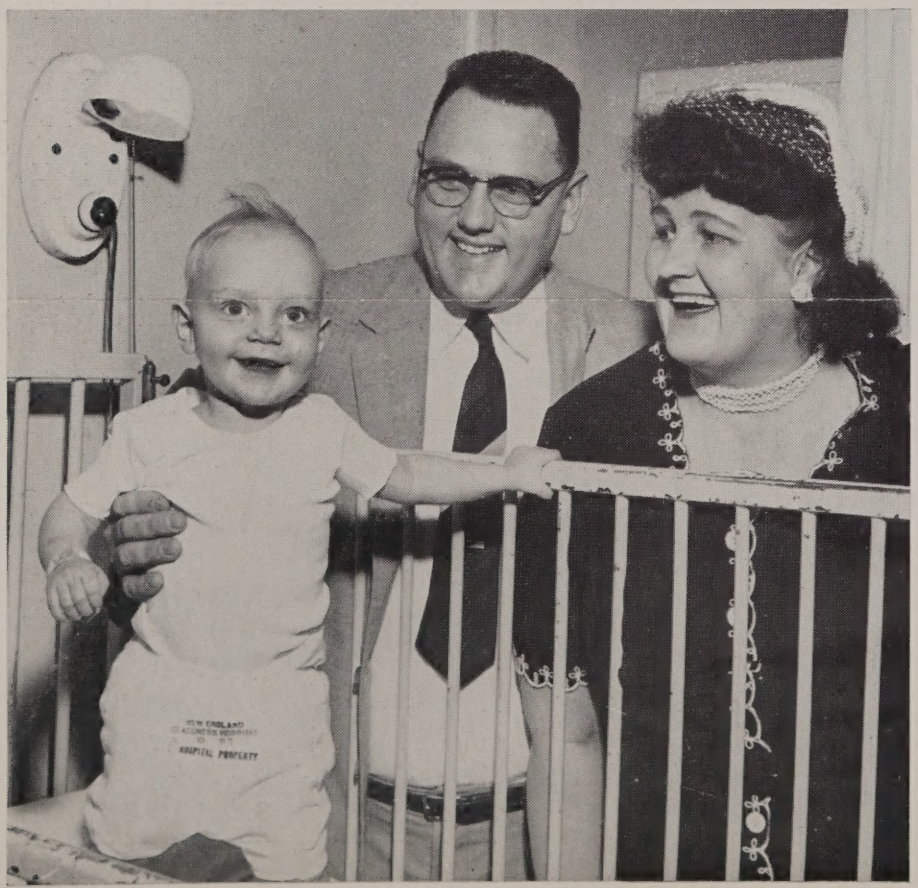
Fifteen-inch floorboards, original solid brass door latches ("there's not a doornob in the house"), a real, old oaken bucket, fresh well water pumping into the house, four fireplaces and three Dutch doors are some of the temptations that drew the Allens back to Enfield. Part of it was returning to familiar haunts.

THIS IS HOME for Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Allen, shown in the living room of their historic Enfield, N. H. house.

Mrs. Allen recalls that the owner of Shaker Hill "invited all the townspeople for fireworks and a bonfire every Fourth of July. He was a king to me when I was a child. We are going to revive some of that tradition at Christmas by having a non-sectarian Christmas party for Enfield children."

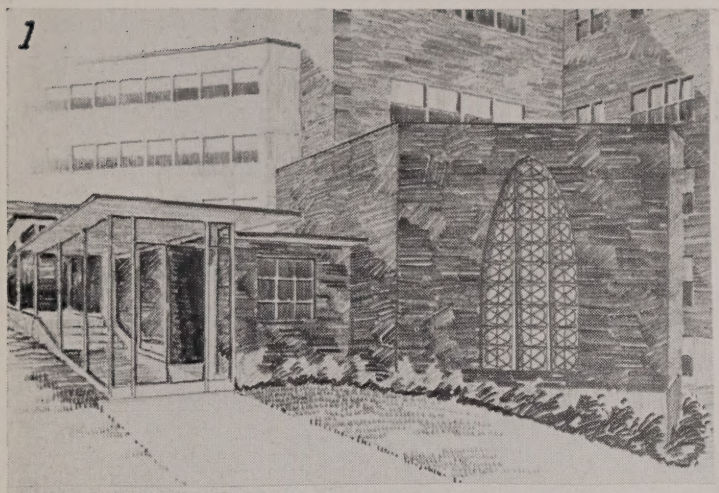
Mrs. Allen will leave the Deaconess on June 10 and that same day, Mr. Allen retires after 46 years with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company. For the past 25 years he has been a bill adjustor in the main office on Arlington Street.

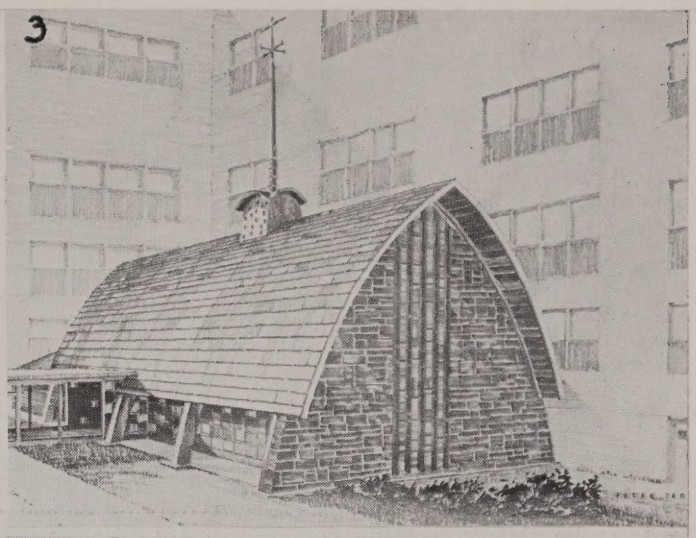
A graduate of the New Hampshire Normal School in 1920 and a former school teacher, Mrs. Allen has also decided to return to teaching, along with running a guest house! She will teach in the Enfield High School.

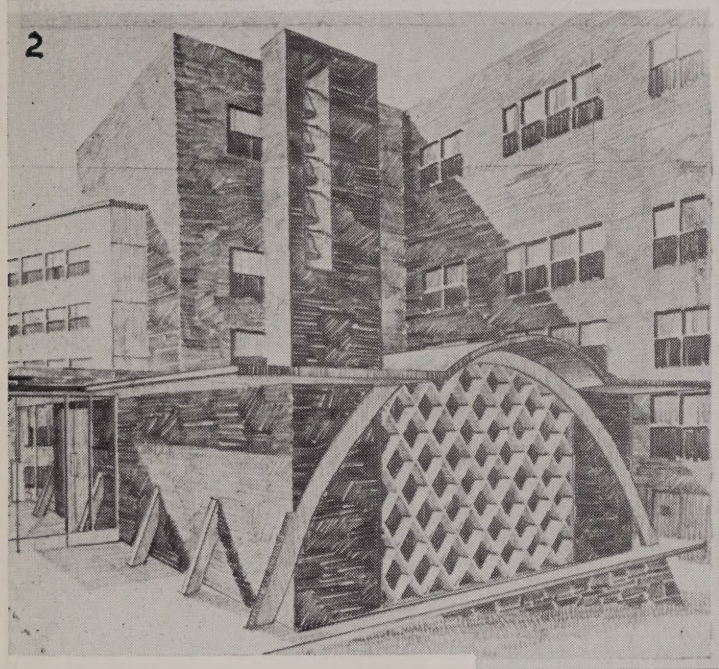


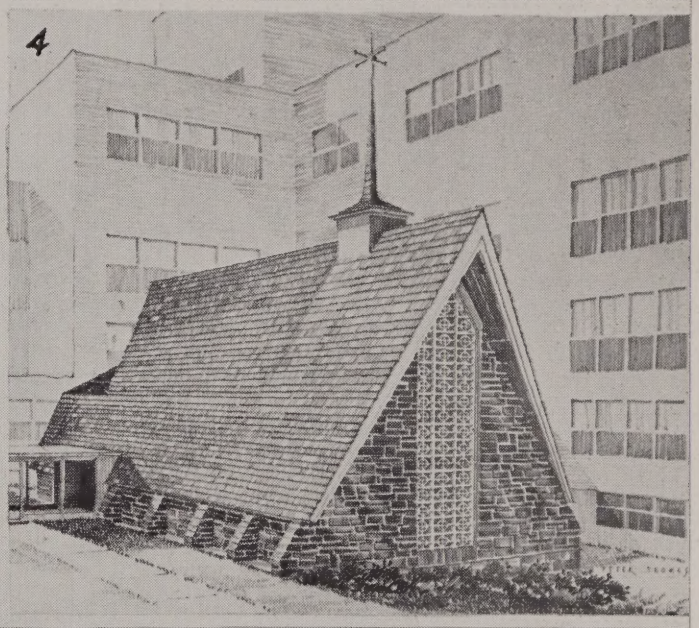
IT WOULD BE HARD TO GUESS that 14-month-old Tommy Murphy, son of a Quonset, R. I., Navy couple, was admitted to the Deaconess as a "blue baby" on April 18 with a prognosis of three months to live. Although heart operations on a child so young are not highly desirable, Dr. Wilford B. Neptune of the Overholt Clinic operated on Tommy on April 22 to correct a Tetralogy of Fallot. This is classic name for congenital heart malformation that prevents venal blood from getting to the lungs for oxygen (that's why the blood remains blue). The result is obvious — Tommy, as the picture says, was markedly improved a week after the operation. A second operation is anticipated to completely correct the difficulty. With Tommy are his parents, Thomas Patrick Murphy, aviation machinist 1/c, and Mrs. Murphy. Tommy is their only child, and contrary to the sign he is wearing, he is NOT the property of the NEDH.

THE EVOLUTION OF A CHAPEL

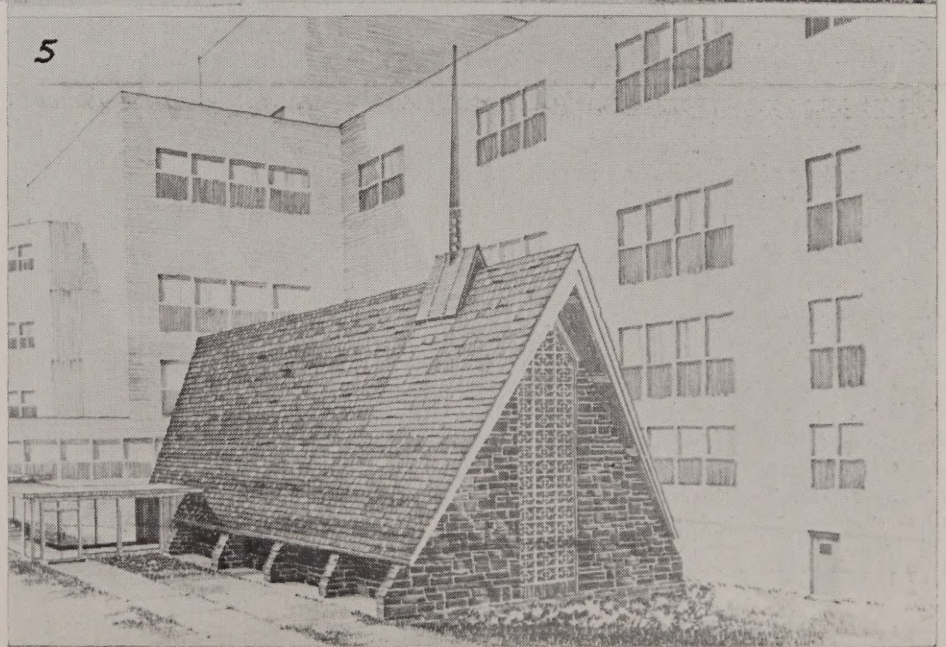








PROPOSED DEACONESS CHAPEL is shown at lower right (5) with pitched roof, full-length, stained glass window and stone front. The pitched roof will allow a maximum of light and ventilation to both the Deaconess and Central buildings. Access will be from the glassed-in enclosure leading to the old main entrance to the Deaconess Building. During months of consideration for just the right design, the Building Committee studied a total of eight architect's sketches. The five pictured tell the story of the chapel's evolution. Pentagonal, flat-roofed design at upper left (1) was discarded completely, as was sketch (2), below, submitted at the same time. In sketch (3) at upper right, the chapel is set aside from the surrounding buildings for the first time. In (4) the architect evolved the pitched roof.



ABOUT THE DEACONESS

MISS EFFIE MAY WINGER, chief dietitian, flew to Chicago to accept an honor award for the NEDH kitchen facilities at the convention of the National Restaurant Association on May 9. The Deaconess entry was prepared by S. Blickman, Inc., co-designers with Miss Winger of the kitchens. The awards are made annually by Institutions Magazine. Congratulations! (There'll soon be a plaque in Miss Winger's office to prove all this).

DR. SHIELDS WARREN gave the Phi Beta Kappa address at Boston University on April 29. Warrenesques of that day: "No poetic license can be admitted in the field of science. The sole virtue of facts is that they are particles of reality, and if they have not reality, they are nothing . . .

The social sciences have tended to lag behind the natural sciences not because of neglect or absence of diligence on the part of its practitioners, but rather because of absence of objectivity . . . Warped fact, even in an apparently remote field, can lead to widespread consequences."

A distinguished visitor to the Deaconess during May was DR. C. K. P. MENON, professor of surgery at the Andhra Medical College in India and a member of the staff of the King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam. Dr. Menon is a participant in the Foreign Leader Program of the U. S. Department of State.

The student council of the School of Nursing was represented by CAROLYN TRAINOR and VALERIE KOSKELA, president and vice-president, at the convention of the National Student Nurses' Association in St. Louis May 2 through 5.

Reports Carolyn: "Together we work, together we grow.' This was the theme of the convention. The meeting afforded some 1400 students the opportunity to become acquainted with the retiring and newly elected national officers. The closing meeting was Uniform Day. Each girl wore the uniform of her school. It was a most impressive sight."

We are very happy to welcome back MISS VERA RUSSELL, recreation director of the School of Nursing, and MRS. GERTRUDE S. JAMESON, director of Social Service. Both have recently been NEDH patients.

MR. LOWRY is a representative of the Massachusetts Hospital Association on a committee to assure fair distribution of blood supplies to Massachusetts hospitals. Also represented on the committee are the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Red Cross.

DR. LELAND S. McKITTRICK, surgeon-in-chief of the NEDH, for over a year has been working with the American Medical Association to recommend methods of combatting fee-splitting among surgeons and doctors. (Massachusetts is relatively free of this frowned upon practice).

In a report issued this month, the AMA committee said that equalization of fees paid to surgeons and doctors would go a long way toward solving the problems. Some surgeons "willingly split their fees with other physicians in an effort to correct personally the resulting economic injustice," says the report.

A second recommendation was for revision of hospital restrictions against surgery by general practitioners who are qualified to operate by special training.

CHARLES F. SCHRAUB, pharmacist, is the author of an article on "The Case for Cartridge Therapy" in the Spring bulletin of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Cartridge therapy, says Author Schraub, has saved the Deaconess many valuable nursing hours — and thousands of dollars.

The system was undertaken here 18 months ago on an experimental basis for antibiotic medication. "Just as the name implies, the cartridge system of medication utilizes a metal frame syringe, an individually wrapped screw-on hypodermic needle, and a single dose disposable cartridge."

About 100 students and nurses of the Household Nursing Association and its School of Practical Nursing at 222 Newbury Street came to the Deaconess on Monday night, May 9, for instruction in the home care of diabetics. DR. ELLIOTT P. JOSLIN addressed the group.

MISS ELLEN ADAMS, personnel director, spent an "up in the air" vacation, both literally and figuratively, the first two weeks in May. She flew over 8000 miles to points South and West — Richmond, Va.; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, and Chicago, Illinois.

Final Bowling Scores May 4, 1955

Team No.		*Points*
4	Mr. Emery	81
6	Mr. Fisher	80
3	Mr. Sabine	73
7	Mr. Lowry	69
8	Mr. Spalding	63
9	Mr. Bettinelli	56
2	Mr. Nelson	49
5	Mr. Osgood	47
10	Mrs. Brooks	38
1	Mrs. Maguire	36
High Singles for May 4		
Marjorie Pond		111
Donald Sabine		120
High Singles for the Year		
Virginia Hume		114
Sam Marotta		131
High 3-String Totals for the Year		
Virginia Hume		312
Charles Schraub		331
High Average for the Year		
Virginia Hume		90
Charles Schraub		98

Church Group Holds Samaritan Day Here

Nearly 200 women of the Deaconess Aid Society of New England held their annual Good Samaritan Day at the NEDH on Tuesday, May 3.

A whirlwind afternoon included a business meeting in Joslin auditorium, a talk on "The Deaconess — A Unique Hospital" by Executive Director Robert D. Lowry, conducted tours through the Central Building and a tea in Harris Hall.

A check for $400 for new equipment for the Shock Therapy Department was accepted on behalf of the hospital by Mr. Lowry. The Society is also the donor of three new wheelchairs for the NEDH.

Miss Orianna F. Harding of the Admitting Office, who serves as liason worker for the organization in the hospital, reported on holiday cheer projects for patients during the past year. Mrs. Arthur L. Wight of Malden, part-time Central III ward secretary, is treasurer of the Aid Society.

The society is composed of members of the Women's Society ofChristian Service of the Methodist Church.

It would be more than a help to Dr. Brownlee and the staff of the Health Center if you would follow the simple but important request of appearing to see the doctor between 8:30 and 9:00 in the morning. That's the time of day especially set aside for health problems that need the doctor's attention.

If any real emergency occurs later in the day, the clinic will speedily obtain medical attention for you. There is a nurse on duty between 8:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. After that, the Nursing Office is the place for employees on duty to go.

The NEDH Health Center is frequently observed by visiting nurses, doctors and health personnel from other institutions because of its high standards of service.

Did you know that:

Everyone who has been out because of illness must report to the clinic on the day he or she returns to work?

All Deaconess personnel have chest x-rays at least once a year, some every six months, and some, every three? By keeping appointments for x-rays you do your part.

The Health Center wants to know about all accidents in the hospital. They must be reported immediately.